(d) Presently NIXI has 40 members covering 22 ISPs at the 4 locations. Achievements made by NIXI are:—

— Better Quality of Internet service by reduction of delay in Internet traffic exchanged between two ISPs.

— Saving cost of International Bandwidth.

— Improved Security as the traffic remains with in the country.

Increase in Call charges of MTNL

3745. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that w.e.f. 1st April, 2005, calls on MTNL network would be charged @ Rs. 2/- per call with pulse rate of 120 sec. Instead of Rs. 1.20/- with the Pulse rate of 60 seconds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the increase in call charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Sir, with effect from 1st April 2005, pulse rate & tariffs have been revised for local PCO only in MTNL Delhi to meet the increased cost of providing service. The old and revised traffic plans are as follows;

Type of local PCO	Pulse rate in Seconds		Call charges in rupees		Commission to PCO holder in rupees	
	Old	Revised	Old	Revised	Old	Revised
Private PCO with EPBT	90	120	1.20	2.00	0.40	0.60
Private CCB	90	120	1.00	2.00	0.40	0.60
Handicapped with EPBT	90	120	1.20	2.00	0.40	0.60
Departmental CCB	60	60	1.00	1.00	Nil	Nil

NOTE: Private CCB, PCOs are being replaced by normal telephone sets.
EPBT—Electronic Push Button Telephone.
CCB—Coin Collection Box.